

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

2 December 1965

✓ GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE CALLED FOR 1 JUNE

Santo Domingo Domestic Service in Spanish 1030 GMT 2 December 1965--C

(Excerpt) The provisional government of the republic decided yesterday that the country's general elections will be held on 1 June 1966. The new government will be installed in office 30 days after its election. The president, the vice president, congressmen, and municipal officials will be elected. Moreover, yesterday the provisional government issued a decree appointing two members of the central electoral board. The forthcoming elections will be supervised by three experts on electoral systems who were appointed by the OAS on request of President Hector Garcia Godoy.

TERRORIST PLAN SEEMS TO BE DISSIPATING

Santo Domingo Domestic Service in Spanish 1630 GMT 1 December 1965--C

✓ (Text) The threat posed by a terrorist plan denounced by the provisional government seems to be dissipating as its materialization becomes more and more difficult. The vice president of the republic, Manuel Joaquin Castillo, stated today that the government is fully aware of all the details of the plan. He added that judicial authorities are conducting investigations to bring the masterminds of the plot before the courts. The vice president also stated that the government has taken the necessary measures to prevent those persons involved in the plot from evading the authorities by leaving the country.

✓ FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVES RIO FOR U.N. ASSEMBLY

Santo Domingo Radio Comercial in Spanish 1030 GMT 1 December 1965--C

(Text) The Dominican foreign minister left the Rio de Janeiro conference before its conclusion because he has work to do at the United Nations Assembly. This explanation was given yesterday by the provisional president through Dr. Franklin Dominguez. Dr. Garcia Godoy has been asked to confirm a Rio de Janeiro newspaper dispatch which reported that Dominican Foreign Minister Jose Ramon Rodriguez had departed for Santo Domingo because of the situation prevailing in the Dominican Republic. Rodriguez, said Garcia Godoy, heads the Dominican delegation to the U.N. Assembly and had planned to remain at the Rio de Janeiro conference for a few days only. He added that Rodriguez has returned to New York to resume his functions at the United Nations.

JOTTIN CURY: RIVERO CAMINERO CONTROLS D.R.

Havana in Spanish to the Americas 1200 GMT 1 December 1965--E

(Text) The former Constitutionalist foreign minister of the Dominican Republic, Jose Jottin Cury, said in Buenos Aires that the government in the Dominican Republic is under the absolute control of minister of the armed forces, Francisco Rivero Caminero, who has the unlimited support of the command of the U.S. occupation troops. Jottin Cury said that provisional President Hector Garcia Godoy plays a secondary role in the government of the Dominican Republic.

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During an interview granted to the Argentine newspaper LA RAZON on his arrival in Buenos Aires, the former Dominican Constitutionalist minister announced that he will travel to all the countries of Latin America to denounce the repeated violations of human rights perpetrated daily in the Dominican Republic by the so-called Inter-American Peace Force. "The occupation forces, Jotting Cury said, have violated 14 points of the Institutional Act which paved the way for the present provisional Dominican government."

In another part of his interview with the Argentine newspaper LA RAZON, the former Dominican foreign minister said that up to now more than 1,200 Constitutionalist soldiers have not yet been restored to their positions. "Far from this, he added, the Dominican Constitutionalist military men have been confined in a camp on the eastern bank of the Ozama River, where they are virtually prisoners of the U.S. troops."

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ILLEGAL WEAPONS--The deadline for the voluntary sale of illegally-held weapons has been extended by 10 days. Several press spokesmen suggested the extension and the Interior and Police Ministry accepted it. (Santo Domingo Domestic Spanish 1630 GMT 1 December 1965--C)

✓ GOVERNMENT STATEMENT--The provisional government stated on 30 November that it will put an end to terrorism without the help of private groups. This report was made after the Dominican Revolutionary Party said that it will organize vigilante groups to fight terrorism. (Santo Domingo HIN Network Spanish 1030 GMT 1 December 1965--C)

✓ VOTER REGISTRATION--The forthcoming elections will be held without voter registration because of the lack of time. This statement was made on 30 November by Angel Liz, the central electoral board chairman. (Santo Domingo HIN Network Spanish 1030 GMT 1 December 1965--C)

✓ SALE OF TELEPHONE COMPANY--The Dominican Government is holding talks to acquire the Dominican Telephone Company. Dominican Telephone Company officials have been seen in the National Palace during the last few days, and it is assumed that they have been talking to the President about the possible sale of the public service company. (Santo Domingo HIN Network Spanish 1030 GMT 1 December 1965--C)

✓ BALAGUER ON TOUR--Reformist Party leader Dr. Joaquin Balaguer began a tour of the Santiago area. (Santo Domingo HIN Network Spanish 1030 GMT 1 December 1965--C)

✓ CHRISTMAS BONUS--On 5 December public and autonomous institutions employees unions and associations will demand that the government pay the Christmas bonus. The event will take place at the Enriquillo Park. These organizations point out that the Christmas bonus is not a gift, but an accumulation of wages which have not been received by the workers throughout the year. They also point out that public state, and private employees are receiving wages which are not in line with the high cost of living. According to these organizations, the government cannot argue that the economic situation precludes the payment of the traditional Christmas bonus, because it has created new bureaucratic posts, spent thousands of dollars to purchase arms, and raised the pensions of families of those who participated in the 30 May events to 1,000 pesos. (Santo Domingo Radio Commercial Spanish 1030 GMT 1 December 1965--C)